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TAGS: PHEL, AF, PA, UN, UN

SUBJECT: UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PRESS CONFERENCE:

AFGHANISTAN

1. (U) DURING PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 11, UN

SECRETARY-GENERAL PEREZ DE CUELLAR MADE THE FOLLOWING

COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON AFGHANISTAN:

Q: A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, AND SOME VERY GOOD POINTS -- AND SOME NOT SO HELPFUL -- ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE AFGHANISTAN QUESTION. WHAT IS YOUR FEELING ON THIS QUESTION? WHAT ARE THE STEPS THAT YOU ARE TAKING? WOULD THEY LEAD TO A RESUMPTION OF THE LEGAL (SIC) PROCESS?

A: I THINK THE UNITED NATIONS IS QUITE SATISFIED WITH

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WHAT IT HAS ACHIEVED SO FAR ON THE ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM

WHICH ARE UNDER ITS JURISDICTION. BUT AS YOU KNOW VERY

WELL, THERE IS ANOTHER ASPECT TO THE PROBLEM -- THAT OF

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION -- IN WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS

MUST NOT INTERFERE. THAT IS SOMETHING FOR THE AFGHAN

PEOPLE TO RESOLVE BY THEMSELVES. AT THE SAME TIME, OF

COURSE, THAT IS A VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT. BUT I CAN

ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE NOT DISCOURAGED AND WILL CONTINUE

OUR EFFORTS. INDEED, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT MY PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE WILL VISIT THE AREA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. (C) COMMENT. THE SYG'S STATEMENT IS THE FIRST PUBLIC

ANNOUNCEMENT THAT UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL CORLOVEZ WILL BE

ON THE MOVE AGAIN. CORLOVEZ TOLD AMBASSADOR CRON JUNE 10

THAT HE PLANNED TO VISIT PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN IN

JULY. HE SAID PAKISTAN WAS WILLING TO RECEIVE HIM BUT

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THAT KAEUL REGIME HAD NOT YET AGREED TO HIS VISIT.
CORDOVEZ SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD PICKED UP SIGNALS
THAT THE SOVIETS WELCOMED HIS VISIT, SO HE EXPECTED THAT
KAEUL WOULD AGREE. HE PROMISED TO KEEP OKUN INFORMED.
PAKISTANI MISSION COUNSELOR CONFIRMED TO USUN MISOFF JUNE
11 THAT CORDOVEZ WOULD TRAVEL TO ISLAMABAD IN JULY AT HIS
REQUEST. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CHANGE IN PAKISTAN'S
POSITION THAT COULD HAVE PROMPTED A CORDOVEZ VISIT.
3. KAEUL AND MOSCOW MINIMIZES CONSIDERED.

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